

SOME SAY YANKS SOON WILL BE WILLING TO SETTLE \$500,000 COURT SUIT FOR \$1.50 CASH

SUIT AGAINST JOHNSON IS GRANDSTAND PLAY BY NEW YORK OWNERS

Looks as if Court Proceedings Are Being Pulled to Effect Compromise Before Joint Meeting of Leagues in Chicago Next Week

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AFTER suffering in silence for several weeks, becalmed on a once turbulent sea of baseball, the Combative Colonels—Ruppert and Huston—clattered into the picture, emitted many lusty bellows and the calm and peaceful American League was transformed into a howling cyclone.

"Don't pay attention to the latest legal move started by the New York owners," said a person who should know what he is talking about this morning. "It is merely a grandstand play, pulled at the last minute to effect a compromise before the league meetings are held in Chicago next week. They evidently figure that some one will be frightened and try to settle things out of court."

"To my mind, the suit is an effort to prevent the Carl Mays case from going to trial. The Yankees owners know they cannot prove the things they have claimed and will be very much embarrassed if they are shown up in court."

"Something has been said about dropping Boston, New York and Chicago from the board of directors this year. They were not dropped, as I understand it. The directors are elected to serve but one year, in order to give every one a chance."

However, the latest action is not making much of a hit with the fans. They are tired of the scrap and want it settled one way or another. Baseball played in the courts is not at all popular, and the sooner it is over the better.

AT THAT, it seems strange that a ball club would try to tie up the league and reopen hostilities after paying \$125,000 for one player and facing a very prosperous season. It might be that the Yankees are seeking a showdown so as to know how to act in the meeting next week.

Rube Bressler Ready to Sign

RUBINO BRESSLER, the young gentleman who once toiled for Connie Mack and returned to the fast set via Atlanta, blew into town this morning, to get accustomed to the bright lights and trolley cars. Rubino has been wintering at the old homestead, which is located at Lock Haven, Pa., and says a pleasant time was had in the vacation period.

He is here to have a few words with Gene McCann, the Cincinnati scout, who also takes a hand in signing ball players at this time of the year. Gene is emissary for Pat Moran and is especially desirous of getting Bressler's full name to a contract.

"I received a contract from Garry Herrmann a couple of months ago," said the ballplayer, "and I didn't sign it because it isn't proper to use undue haste in business dealings with managers. I suppose the terms are all right—in fact, I have been treated liberally—so Gene and I will have no trouble in getting together. I shall not be a holdout this year."

"The season cannot start too soon for me," continued the port-sider, "I am in great shape and ready to play right now. I walked many miles while hunting, and that's the best thing in the world to get into good physical shape."

Pat Moran is a wonderful manager and has all the necessary bowling for help. His judgment is uncanny and he never indulges in second guesses. He knows how to handle men and every player on the squad respects him. He certainly knows a lot of baseball and knows how to teach it.

"There is another brainy player on our ball club and, next to Pat Moran, I believe he did more than any one else to win the pennant for us. It is Slim Sallee, and take it from me, that old bird is a wise one. It was he who developed Dutch Reuther and Jimmy Ring and many others. He taught them how to pitch the fadeaway, which pulled them through many games. Ray Fisher also was one of his pupils, and you know the success he had. Sallee is a great fellow and always is glad to help young pitchers. I tried to master the fadeaway, but had to give it up to play in the outfield. However, I hope to learn it this year."

RUBE says he expects to see all of the players at the training camp at Miami, Fla., next month, as he is confident the salary differences will be adjusted in a short time.

Wharton Would Work Well With Gaston

THERE is a movement on foot to include Doctor Wharton in the list of coaches at Penn next year. Wharton, who is the best line tutor in the country, has expressed a desire to retire, having been connected with athletics at Penn for twenty-six years, but it is hoped he will entertain a proposition to come back next fall. Doctor Wharton and Harold Gaston would work together well, for Gaston is one of the doctor's old pupils. Gaston also probably would be glad to share the work with Wharton.

Too much cannot be said about the ability of the famous line coach. He is a class by himself and no one can get better results from the burly forwards. Wharton knows the ins and outs of every position, both on the attack and defense, and his services would be invaluable next year. A new center must be developed and also a pair of good tackles. In 1917 he did marvelous work with the line, developing several star players. Penn should retain Wharton at all costs.

"Buck" also would be a great help to Heisman. The new man naturally will have to get acquainted with conditions and would profit by the veteran's advice. Wharton knows the style of play used by the various colleges and knows the defense to work against them.

TAKING it all in all, Doctor Wharton is about the best man Penn could get, and, with Harold Gaston, the pair would produce results.

Gavvy Has Big Job on Hand

GAVVY CRAVATH will have his work cut out for him when he attacks the flock of mail waiting for him at the Phils' office. It seems that every kid who has a desire to break into the big league has written him a personal letter, with very high personal recommendations. They come from all parts of the country and every writer is a star. Some wonderful arguments are put up, as can be seen from the following letter grabbed haphazardly from the bundle:

"Dear Sir—Would like to know when your team starts for spring training. I am sure your team cannot be made any weaker than it is, but it can be made lots stronger. I am a great young ball player, with brilliant prospects, who has not yet been discovered by any scouts. I am willing to play my best for you, either at third base or pitcher."

"P. S.—I also can play other positions if you so desire."

STRANGE how the stars fade in a few months. Last year Joe Whilott, former member of the Boston Braves and New York Giants, set fire to the Western League by hitting safely in sixty-eight consecutive games. He was much sought after by the big league clubs and finally was landed by the Boston Red Sox. He was supposed to be a star this season, but now it's all off. According to the latest report from Boston, Whilott has been sold to the Toledo club in the American Association.

LON JOURDET has turned out another typical Jourdet-coached basketball team at Penn, and it looks as if the Quakers are going to land the Inter-collegiate League championship once again. If the Red and Blue cops it will be the third straight title won by Jourdet and the fourth since he took charge of basketball affairs at the University in the season of 1914-15. Lon knows the game thoroughly and has the correct personality for a coach. No wonder he's smashing records.

IT'S about time for some one to spring the line that John W. Heisman is a crummy coach because he used to handle the Crakers. Georgia Tech players are known as Crakers below the Mason and Dixon line.

LAST battle between Penn and Princeton footballers took place in a sheriff's office the other day when Bob Lambertson and Bill Roper engaged in a verbal combat.

BAN JOHNSON is no nickel-nurser, but he can't afford to allow himself to be surrounded by a half-million-dollar suit.

WONDER WHAT GIRL ON MAGAZINE THINKS ABOUT

DON'T YOU THINK ME PERFECTLY STUNNING? I'M SIMPLY CRAZY ABOUT MYSELF—SUCH LOVELY HAIR AND DREAMY EYES



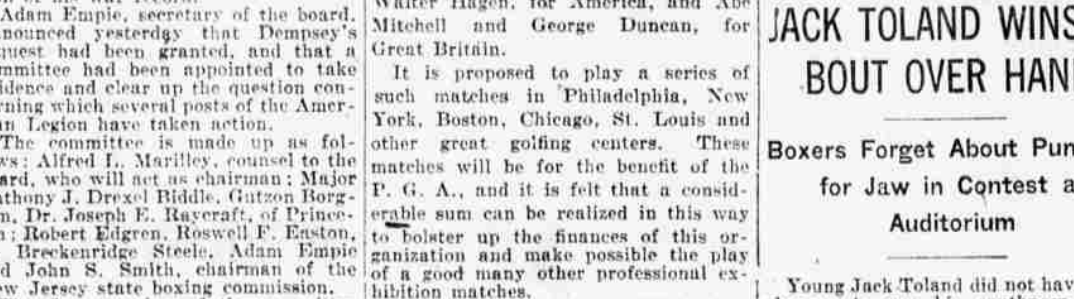
I JUST ADORE BEING DRAWN BY NEYSA MCMEIN—SHE UNDERSTANDS WOMEN AND BELIEVES ME SHE UNDERSTANDS ME TOO



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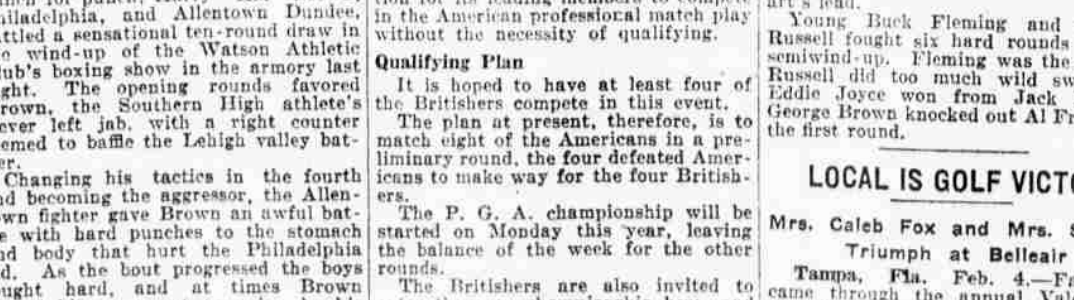
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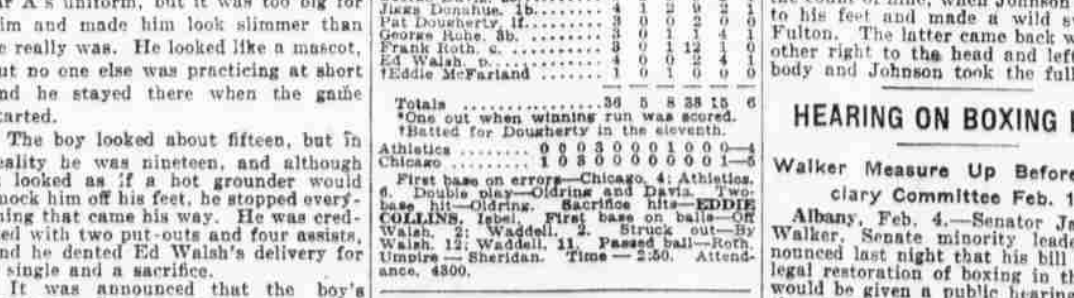
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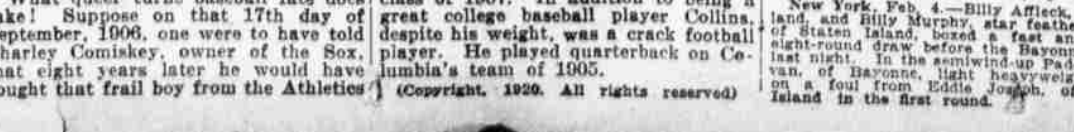
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PENN WELCOMES HEISMAN TONIGHT

Royal Greeting Planned for New Coach at Mass-Meeting of Students

SIGNS 3-YEAR CONTRACT

A royal welcome is planned for John W. Heisman, the new Penn football coach, at a mass meeting of the students in Weightman Hall tonight.

There has been considerable talk that Heisman would not be welcome, and the greeting is planned to be more enthusiastic to prove to the former Georgia Tech tutor that he is wanted.

Heisman is particularly anxious to meet the football players and he will discuss plans in a general way. He wants to get acquainted with the players and the type of coach who gets to know his proteges intimately.

The final arrangements to bring Heisman here were made yesterday when the football committee signed the southern tutor to a three-year contract. It is rumored that he is to receive \$5000 a year.

It has been announced that Heisman will hold spring football practice, starting the latter part of April and continuing for three weeks.

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FLORIDA SOON WILL BE VAST GOLF COURSE

Rice Predicts Great Future for Game in Southern State Among Middle-Aged Citizens—Links at Mountain Lake Scientifically Trapped

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SEWELL FORD is absolutely correct. It should now be known as the Golf of Mexico and the Golf of the Sun in this land of orange groves and marble shots, sunshine and two-foot putts.

It is only a question of a few years before Florida will be one vast golf course, interspersed with orange and grapefruit groves, bordered in turn by the bewildering water oaks and the moss-covered pines.

We make the prediction that within five years there will be more divots lifted in Florida than any other state in the union. Golf and Oranges

A DAY OR SO ago, with Roy Chapin, H. B. Martin and Eugene Ricker, we started out on a tour of inspection from Belleair, headed across the state. We left two great golf courses at Belleair, and from that point on through Tampa into Mountain Lake, we dashed along over fine roads, through or by a succession of orange groves and either nine or eighteen hole courses, many of the latter planted in towns under 5000.

At Mountain Lake we came to the tallest point in the state, some 400 feet above sea level, and there spread out in formation the links of the state, which was a high-grade nine-hole course, with another nine under way. This course was no dinky, tourist affair, but one of fine testing distance, scientific layout, with green grass, on a par with the best to be found in the north through June.

Less than five years ago this place was a wilderness. To drop 100-acre golf courses, with smooth fairways and exceptional greens, into this sector on such brief notice shows what will happen as the golf contagion spreads.

For the Older Generation WINTER golf in Florida will never lure any number of the younger element. Very few of these have the time or the money.

But it will extend its appeal to the middle-aged citizen or the man beyond fifty who has collected his kale and who desires to leave the snowbanks behind for a playground in the sun.

It's a great thing for this class. In place of shivering through a winter game in the snow, they will find a warm and husky, exuding pink from every pore.

Changed Order FOR we have now come to a changed order in the scheme of things. It is

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

HARRY GIBB is going to be Jack Dempsey's first opponent since the latter lifted the heavyweight crown. Buffalo, N. Y., is to be the scene of a battle, and May 20 is the date.

Mike Uralin, one of D. C.'s law guardians, says to Philadelphia that for a bout, the bout Mike desires is one with Jim McCashe. Steve Marcoe is ready to make the match.

Steve Marcoe has added Kid Sharkey and Willie Moore to his stable, which now consists of seven bouts he Sharkey and Moore are matched for respective bouts at the Germania A. A. February 18.

Jimmy Jordan, Pittsburgh's pile-driving slinger, will win his wind-up by Friday night. He will pair off with Phil McCashe in the star scrap of the evening. Other bouts are Charley Walsh vs. Johnny Pizaro, Young Milligan vs. Johnny Galante, Frank Farmer vs. Frankie Kramer and Rocky Ford vs. Tony Daniels.

Ten amateur bouts are on the program at the Gazette tonight. Kid Baker and Willie Moore are the main attractions. The winner, each having won three previous, the winner will get a diamond ring.

Frank "Kid" Potty, a Jersey featherweight, is being boosted by John Shoboden, who is the promoter of the 125-pound class. Shoboden wants to match Potty, who is a southpaw, with the best of Philly's featherweights.

Danny Frush, former Englishman and now an American citizen, is to box here in the near future. He is to meet Young Chaney in Baltimore, twelve rounds, February 13, with "Pop" O'Brien as referee. Frush was a very active fighter in the United States during the great war. His manager, Willie Brannaman, claims the football championship for the coast for Frush.

Charley (Punch) Lee, Kensington light weight, is to meet the best of Philadelphia's team. He is looking games for the Rockwoods Junior, center, and Foley and Farrell, center, the Juniors are a fourth class quartet.

Johnny McLaughlin is welterweight champion of Pennsylvania. If Willie Edwards is to have it, he will be the best of Philadelphia's welterweights.

Benny Kaufman has been working out daily in Philadelphia. O'Brien is in preparation for his comeback. Mike White says Benny will have a tremendous following from his stand when he resumes boxing.

Billy Kramer is keeping in condition, while Willie Edwards is keeping his tongue wagging. Kramer can take a fall at Canton, Pa., and Billy is believed it. Willis is negotiating with a Kramer-Dowd match, and if it is consummated, it should be a corker.

YANKEE GOLF PAIR TO MEET BRITAIN'S BEST

Barnes and Hagen, America, Proposed in Exhibitions in This and Other Cities Against Duncan and Mitchell by Professional Body

By SANDY MENIBLICK

THE Professional Golfers' Association has started the ball rolling in the matter of the international matches to be played next year.

It was announced last night that efforts would be made to stage exhibition matches between Jim Barnes and Walter Hagen, for America, and Abe Mitchell and George Duncan, for Great Britain.

It is proposed to play a series of such matches in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis and other great golfing centers. These matches will be for the benefit of the P. G. A., and it is felt that a considerable sum can be realized in this way to bolster up the finances of this organization and make possible the play of a good many other professional exhibition matches.

Stand Out Harnes is professional United States Golf champion, while Walter Hagen is the open American champion. Mitchell and Duncan have now superseded Vardon, Hay, Taylor, Braid and the others to be great of Great Britain.

Those two stand out above the famous quartet which has so long dominated professional golf in the Old World. Both Harnes and Hagen are already in the city, will be in a position to handle such exhibition matches, though neither club has come out so far with the announcement that either is willing to handle the event.

The P. G. A. is now working on an effort to make this play for the world's championship golf doubles. New York and Chicago clubs are already in the field with offers to stage the meetings. One Chicago club has offered a preliminary purse of \$2000 to insure the success of a match between the Americans and foreigners over its course.

Alex Pirie, secretary of the P. G. A., said yesterday via invitation that he had been forwarded to the secretary of the British Professional Golfers' Association for its leading members to compete in the American professional match play without the necessity of qualifying.

It is hoped to have at least four of the Britishers compete in this event. The plan at present, therefore, is to match eight of the Americans in a preliminary round, the four defeated Americans to make way for the four Britishers.

The P. G. A. championship will be started on Monday this year, leaving the balance of the week for the other rounds.

The Britishers are also invited to enter the open championship here and inasmuch as it is definitely decided that several American pros will also enter the British open abroad, the professional

DEMPESEY'S RECORD WILL BE PROBED

Boxing Board Decides to Make Investigation of War Charges at Fighter's Request

INELIGIBLE FOR THE LEGION

New York, Feb. 4.—On January 22 Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, addressed a letter to the Army, Navy and Civilian Board of Review Control, appealing for an investigation of his war record.

Adam Eppie, secretary of the board, announced yesterday that Dempsey's request had been granted, and that a committee had been appointed to take evidence and clear up the question concerning which several posts of the American Legion have taken action.

The committee is made up as follows: Alfred L. Marley, counsel to the board, who will act as chairman; Major Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Clinton Livingston, Dr. Joseph E. Raper, of Princeton; Robert Edgerton, Roosevelt F. Easton, R. Breckenridge Steele, Adam Eppie and John S. Smith, chairman of the New Jersey state boxing commission.

The first meeting of the committee will be held on February 11 at 5:30 o'clock, at the office of the board, No. 340 Madison avenue.

According to officers of the American Legion at Indianapolis honorary membership in the organization is forbidden to Dempsey by the constitution.

The constitution says "there shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership."

It adds that "any person shall be eligible for membership in the American Legion who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned, and who served on active duty in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States" during the world war, provided he was not separated from the service under circumstances amounting to dishonorable discharge and has not subsequently been officially restored to an honorable status.

HARRY BROWN DRAWS Punch for Punch With Dundee in Sensational Battle

Reading, Pa., Feb. 4.—Swapping punches for punch, Harry Brown, Dundee, battled a sensational ten-round draw in the wind-up of the Watson Athletic Club's boxing show in the army gym.

Changing his tactics in the fourth and becoming the aggressor, the Allentown fighter gave Brown an awful battle with hard punches to the stomach and body that hurt the Philadelphia lad. As the bout progressed the boys fought hard, and at times Brown caused his opponent to miss by his clever dodging, but Dundee's cleverly fighting evened up matters, making the fight a good draw.

E. COLLINS LOOKED LIKE MASCOT IN FIRST GAME

A's 1906 Recruit, Playing as Sullivan, Failed to Fill Uniform—Made Hit Off Ed Walsh

AS THE men of Mack took their infield practice at the South Side Park in Chicago one September day in 1906, the fans were amused at the capers of a boy at the shortfield position.

The youngster was dressed in a regular A's uniform, but it was too big for him and made him look slimmer than he really was. He looked like a mascot, but no one else was practicing at short and he stayed there when the game started.

The boy looked about fifteen, but in reality he was nineteen, and although it looked as if a hot ground would knock him off his feet, he stopped everything that came his way. He was credited with two put-outs and four assists, and he dented Ed Walsh's delivery for a single and a sacrifice.

It was announced that the boy's name was Sullivan and for some time he was known as Sullivan because he was captain of the Columbia baseball team and didn't want it known that he was playing professional ball. Sullivan was Eddie Collins, rated as baseball's greatest second baseman.

What queer turns baseball fate does take! BAZZ on Oct. 17th day of September, 1906, one were to have told Charley Comiskey, owner of the Sox, that eight years later he would have bought that frail boy from the Athletics

LOCAL IS GOLF VICTOR

Mrs. Caleb Fox and Mrs. Stetson Triumph at Belleair Tampa, Fla., Feb. 4.—Favorites came through the annual Valentine's women's golf championship at Belleair last night, both Mrs. C. F. Fox, former national champion, and Mrs. Stetson, medalist, being victorious.

The results: Mrs. G. H. Stetson, Philadelphia, defeated Mrs. Clarence King, New York, 4 and 3; Mrs. G. W. Morrow, New York, defeated Mrs. W. W. Morrison, Toledo, 4 and 3.

Mrs. G. G. Alexander, Chicago, defeated Mrs. Marion Hanrahan, Birmingham, 6 and 4.

Mrs. C. F. Fox, Philadelphia, defeated Mrs. Charles B. Raffette, Chicago, 9 and 7.

FULTON STOPS JOHNSON Plasterer Knocks Out Negro in the Eighth Round

Boston, Feb. 4.—Fred Fulton, the Minnesota plasterer, knocked out John Lester Johnson in the eighth round last night at the Army A. A. It was Johnson's fight from the start. He hit Fulton with the left hand, but apparently saving himself for the finish. In the eighth he dropped Johnson with a right to the jaw and a left to the body for the count of nine, when Johnson jumped to his feet and made a wild swing at Fulton. The latter came back with another right to the head and left to the body and Johnson took the fall count.

HEARING ON BOXING BILL Walker Measure Up Before Judiciary Committee Feb. 17

Albany, Feb. 4.—Senator James J. Walker, Senate minority leader, announced last night that his bill for legal restoration of boxing in the state would be given a public hearing before the judiciary committee on February 17.

This is the measure backed by the army and navy control board of boxing.

TRUCKS ROLLS TONIGHT

Bowls Final 15 Games of Series Against Joe Redling

Charles Trucks, ex-individual champion bowler of this city, will roll the final fifteen games of the thirty-game national championship, the United States, of New York, on the Casino Alleys tonight.

In the first fifteen games last Wednesday on the Pastime Alley, New York city, although Trucks won eight of the fifteen games, he finished sixty-two pins behind the Gotham expert. As it is a total pins match, Trucks has to knock down the greatest number of pins in the thirty games wins. Local fans expect Trucks to show his superiority on his home alleys.

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